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Department of Corrections to Present First Higher Education Fair

The New Jersey Department of Corrections will present its first-ever higher education fair for NJDOC employees on Friday, December 1, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., at Northern State Prison in Newark.

The higher education fair will benefit those NJDOC employees interested in academic development, self-improvement and enhanced career opportunities. The event will represent an opportunity to familiarize the department's employees with the programs available through New Jersey's various institutions of higher learning.

Representatives from a variety of state colleges and universities will be in attendance to answer questions and distribute materials about their academic programs. Participating schools will include Rutgers University, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Seton Hall University, Monmouth University, Hudson County Community College and Caldwell College. Middlesex County College, Raritan Valley Community College, Essex County College, Warren County Community College and College of St. Elizabeth also will be represented.

"By providing our employees with a forum to explore the host of opportunities available through higher education, it will encourage them to take advantage of our tuition aid program, whereby the NJDOC will provide reimbursement for up to half of the cost of a course," said NJDOC Commissioner Jack Terhune. "We understand that continued learning and professional growth opportunities facilitate our efforts to attract and retain a qualified work force."

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The mission of the New Jersey Department of Corrections is to ensure that all persons committed to the state correctional institutions are confined with the level of custody necessary to protect the public and are provided with the care, discipline, training and treatment needed to prepare them for reintegration into the community.

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